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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Shih-Chao Chen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/4/05, 7/17/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on April 4, 2005 & July 17, 2006 has been considered by the examiner.

Specification

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to **a single paragraph** on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
6. Claim 5 recites the limitation "the two side edges" in line 6. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
7. Claim 6 recites the limitation "said radiator" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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8. Claim 9 recites the limitation "said two side sections" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

9. Claim 10 recites the limitation "the two end edges" in line 12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

11. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Campana, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 5,714,937).

Regarding claim 1, Campana Jr. teaches in figures 39 & 41 a planar antenna fitted with a reflector [432] comprising: a radiator [431]; and a reflector of planar form whereof both side sections [704, 706], arranged facing the radiator with a prescribed separation [d], are bent towards the radiator, characterized in that the prescribed separation of the radiator and the reflector is reduced to about 0.06λ (i.e. the closest spacing d is preferably not greater than one-tenth of a wavelength of the frequency band; See col. 52, lines 14-20), where λ is the wavelength of the central frequency of the operating frequency band.

Regarding claim 2, Campana Jr. teaches in figures 39 & 41 the planar antenna fitted with a reflector according to claim 1, characterized in that the separation [d] of the edges of the radiator [431] and the leading edges of the bent side sections in the reflector [432] is no more than the prescribed separation.

Regarding claim 3, Campana Jr. teaches in figures 39 & 41 the planar antenna fitted with a reflector according to claim 1, characterized in that the radiator [431] is a loop.

Regarding claim 4, Campana Jr. teaches in figures 39 & 41 the planar antenna fitted with a reflector according to claim 1, characterized in that an obtuse angle [712] is formed between the two side sections [704, 706] in the reflector [432] facing the radiator [431] and the two side sections thereof are bent towards the radiator.

Regarding claim 5, Campana Jr. teaches in figures 39 & 41 a planar antenna fitted with a reflector comprising: a radiator [431]; and a reflector [432] of planar form that is arranged with a prescribed separation [d] facing the radiator and that is bent

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substantially at the center with an obtuse angle [712] towards the radiator and wherein the two side edges are arranged adjacent to the radiator.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claims 6-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campana Jr. (Cited above) in view of Jeong-Kun et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,606,067).

Campana Jr. teaches every feature of the claimed invention in paragraph 11 except for a double loop element wherein the width of the upper and lower sides is formed wider than that of the other sides.

Jeong-Kun et al. teaches in figures 4-5 a double loop element [40] wherein the width of the upper and lower sides is formed wider than that of the other sides.

In view of the above statement, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention made by using a delta slot radiation element as taught by Jeong-Kun et al. in order to have low Q and it is possible to obtain a wide bandwidth (See col. 5, lines 16-22).

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-Chao Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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1819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7 AM to 5:30 PM, Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy P. Callahan can be reached on (571) 272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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